(b) the number of schemes taken up already and the names of the cities to be benefited?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fertilizer factory at Katpadi

* 360 Q.—Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of Sri V. K. Kothandaraman) : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் காட்பாடியில் நடந்து கொண்டிருந்த ஒரு உரத் தொழிற்சாலை இப்பொழுது மூடப்பட்டிருப்பது தெரியுமா ?

(ஆ) அதற்கு காரணம் என்ன ?

(இ) அதை மீண்டும் திறந்து நடத்துவதற்கான முயற்சி சர்க்கார் எடுத்துகொண்டார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) to (c) The hon. Member is apparently referring to the "Southern India Fertilizers" situated in Vallimalai Road, Katpadi. The factory was closed down from 31st December 1957 due to financial difficulties. It has since been revived by the previous manager and is functioning with effect from 28th January 1959 with a complement of ten workers.

Mr. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS *RE* BILLS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Tiruchirappalli Kaiaeruvaram and Mattuvaram Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1958) has been passed by the Council on 12th February 1959 without any amendment and the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1959 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958) passed by the Council on 13th February 1959 has been received for the concurrence of the Assembly. 10 a.m.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 6 OF 1958)—*cont.*

Mr. SPEAKER : We shall now proceed with the consideration of the Madras General Sales Tax Bill, 1958. Yesterday we have finished all the clauses and we are left with the consideration of the Schedules.

The motion is—

"That the First Schedule do stand part of the Bill."

Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Sir, I move—

"In item 15, *for* the figure '½', *substitute* the figure '1'".

The amendments were duly seconded.